

Watch Our Windows

BIG CUTS WILL BE MADE IN PRICE OF ORANGES
SOON. OUR ORANGES ARE SWEET AND DELICIOUS.
PROMPT DELIVERY OUR HOBBY.

STANDARD Grocery Company

Court and Johnson Streets
Prompt Delivery Our Hobby

CITY BREVITIES

C. Rader. Get sunny.
Line Stetson hats at Roosevelt's.
Ladies' Gloria shoes at Roose-

velt's.
Best line of pretty, useful holiday
goods at Rader's.

Best sets, chocolate sets, dinner
Owl Tea House.

Best—Good business location.
114 East Webb street.

Campbell's beautiful dress
make a Xmas gift.

Others get satisfaction at How-
l-furmer's Rees' cigar store.

For premium tickets at Lee
They are worth money.

Rest—Storeroom, 728 Cotton-
street; Inquire of Chris Ranley.

House cook wants a job. Wages
per month. Address P. O. box 24.

Yarn felt slippers for Xmas pres-
ent at Teutsch's Department Store.

St. George restaurant, open
and night. Mrs. Cooper, propri-

et.
Xmas, the Peoples Warehouse
will remain open from 7 a. m.

to 11 p. m.
Rest—Good furnished room.
Backs from Main street. Call up

Red 1563.
Baker Hill School shoes are bet-
ter than ever. We guarantee every

pair.
Lee Teutsch Department Store.
Silver horseshoe pin in neigh-

bor of Madison street. Finder
to this office and receive re-

ward.
The balcony we have new lines
of priced goods—5c, 10c, 15c

and 25c. As they become
scarce with you we will add to them.

Owl Tea House.
A lamp coal contains less
burns longer, holds fire better

than any other. We will sell
at low prices as low as others sell

at. Every jar guaran-
teed. C. Rohman.

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A LIVE QUESTION

Above all, we must strive to
keep the highways of com-
merce open.—From the presi-
dent's message.

An entire column is none too much
to discuss, in all its phases, the rec-
ommendations made by President
Roosevelt in his recent message re-
specting the enlarged powers of the
interstate commerce commission. Be-
cause of those recommendations the
question of railroads becomes a vital
issue in American politics.

Comments on this portion of the
message present some interesting fea-
tures. There are some republican
leaders who are hinting, in effect,
that the president has adopted demo-
cratic or populist policies—stolen
Bryan's thunder as to railroad super-
vision. Many of the warmest ex-
pressions of praise of the message
come from leading democrats. Burk
Cochrane, for instance, says: "The
president's message is vibrant with
the spirit of the American people." The
criticism and lack of appreciation
comes almost entirely from those an-
cient senators who cannot keep the
hot pace of our vigorous president,
and railroad managers. The people,
regardless of party, are pleased to
have a president who proposes to do
things.

Increase Commission's Powers.

What is the recommendation of the
president that has excited so much
comment? In a word, it is this: In-
crease the powers of the interstate
commerce commission, so that, upon
complaint of an unreasonable railroad
rate, and after full investigation, the
commission may decide what is the
reasonable rate. The decision as to
the rate shall stand and become op-
erative subject to review by the courts.
That does not read like a radical
proposition or an unconstitutional
procedure. It does not put the rate
full-making power in the hands of
the commission. It does give the
commission power to correct abuses
and inequalities. And it makes the
decision absolute unless changed by a
decision of the courts.

The president has adopted substan-
tially the provisions of the Cooper-
Quarles bill, now pending. According
to the provisions of this bill, if the
commission upon a hearing deter-
mines that a railroad rate is unrea-
sonable it may substitute what it be-
lieves to be a reasonable one. Such
rate shall be operative within 30 days
and shall stand unless reversed by an
appeal to the courts.

Makes a Deadlock.

Now the railroad managers and at-
torneys who have been quoted insist
that the rate shall not be operative
until the same has been passed upon
by the courts. Experience proves
that such an arrangement practical-
ly eliminates the commission from
the situation. The shipper would as
well appeal to the courts at once. Be-
fore he could get a verdict, probably
the need for a rate, or the value of
it, would have passed away. Rail-
road attorneys are adepts at hang-
ing up cases in the courts. Delay
would hinder the remedy and make
appeal useless.

There was paid out in this coun-
try for railroad transportation, last
year, the enormous sum of \$1,830,-
159,678 or, nearly three times the
revenues received by the government
from all sources for the same period.
The total net revenues of the rail-
roads, last year, were \$734,709,329.
The total receipts of the United
States government were \$694,621,-
117.64 or \$40,088,112.36 less than the
net revenues of the government.

The railroads, therefore, financial-
ly speaking, are more powerful than
the government. The government
levies are for a sum sufficient to pay
expenses only. The railroad levies
are made for profit and in most in-
stances are all the traffic will bear.
And these tariffs, either through
changes in classification or by direct
methods, tend upwards. The conclu-
sion is inevitable. Either the people
must have some relief through gov-
ernment control or government own-
ership must come.

No Thinking Man Afraid.

And no thinking man is alarmed by
the prospect of government own-
ership. Anyone who has traveled in
Europe on railroads operated or own-
ed by the governments know that the
plan is practical. While the problem
in this country presents some features
that are not present in Europe there
is no doubt the difficulties could be
overcome. And the people would
receive large benefit either because
of lowered rates or because of low-
ered taxes through the earnings of
their transportation lines. But
neither the time nor the demand has
come for government operation.
What is wanted is federal supervision.
And this is no new demand. Many

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